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Dear Mrs. Loeb,

I've two apologies for this first of the two books to be published this year, for what you may perceive and for what you cannot see in it.

Case Open was sat on and then rushed, with mistakes not corrected in the rush. It is about 20 to 25% of the unedited rough draft of what I wrote as Hoax. While what remains is a solid indictment of the most intendedly dishonest book I recall seeing, it is far short of the record I'd intended for our history.

As part of his formula for fame and fortune Gerald Posner wrote with special dishonesty that the question of the JFK assassination was one in which only those he had rather vaguely of the left disagreed with the official story. It is an issue, of course, that ^{is} without left or right, so to speak an American issue.

In debunking that I had told the story of how helpful Bill was to me and that the probability is that without his help what we are able to know about the truth of the JFK assassination would be entirely different and much less complete.

What was published eliminated chapters, most of them. There was nothing I could do about it and I've had no explanation of it.

A student is retyping a rather long article I wrote hoping that the publisher might try to place it in a magazine that uses long articles, ^{1/15} on another aspect of the assassination not being that kind of political issue but rather one of our integrity. It is titled, "Senator Russell Dissents." With records from the Russell archive at the University of Georgia and a few from that of Senator John Sherman Cooper, both of whom refused to agree with the basis of the Warren Report, that single-bullet theory, I updated my earlier account of Senator Russell's encouraging my work to his dying day. As soon as I had the article drafted I sent it, poor as my typing is, to the publisher. He has yet to acknowledge receipt of it so I think it will exist only as a record in the archive I'll leave.

What reaction I've had to this fragment of what I wrote is excellent. I think the publisher decided to do it on the cheap because if there was any advertising or promotion I've not heard about it.

The last time Bill and I ~~ex~~ exchanged letters we were on the farm. As I look out my office window now I see a pair of Canadian geese who have moved in, are swimming in the pool while she ^{dist}distends her feathers before returning to her nest. In his letter, as I recall it, he observed that as used in politics many words had lost their meanings. That scoundrel Posner proves that.

If you'd forgotten, Russell and Cooper were members of the Warren Commission.

Best wishes,
Harold Weisberg

